



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1264

LCO No. 4094

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 17a-681a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Prior to the arraignment or during the pretrial proceedings of a
4 person charged [solely] with the commission of a misdemeanor, an
5 unclassified felony or a class D felony, the Department of Mental
6 Health and Addiction Services shall, to the maximum extent possible
7 within the limits of available appropriations, with the consent of the
8 arrested person and such person's counsel, cause a clinical assessment
9 to be performed of any person who has previously received mental
10 health services or treatment for substance abuse from the department
11 or who would reasonably benefit from such services to determine
12 whether such person should be referred for community-based mental
13 health services. If the person is determined to be in need of such
14 services and is willing to accept the services offered, the court shall be
15 informed of the result of the assessment and the recommended
16 treatment plan for consideration by the court in the disposition of the
17 criminal case.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow clinical assessments to be performed during pretrial proceedings of persons charged with misdemeanors and certain felonies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]